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1. Political Situation: The regime of Tito is strong enough to defend itself in spite of the very strong anti-Communist feelings of the peasants, farmers and middle class elements and in spite of the small number of Cominformist sympathizers in Army circles. Two threats to the solidarity of the regime would be Tito's death or an attack by the Soviet Army. Tito's secret police, which has the advantage of knowing intimately

quantities to Yugoslavia's neighbors.

- Moscow's underground methods, since the leaders are Moscow trained, is very quick to discover anti-Communist and pro-Moscow conspiracies. It is not believed that an attack by the Soviet Army on Yugoslavia is likely. There is no indication of the Soviets making any more substantial movements of their own troops toward the Satellite countries than in the past, nor are there signs that heavy arms and ammunition are being shipped in greater
- 2. Military Situation: Yugoslavia has about 24 divisions, well-equipped with light arms. The arms used are Cerman, Italian, Czech and Soviet weapons but are being replaced gradually by Yugoslav-made machine guns, tommy guns, et cetera. The rield Arbillery is sufficiently equipped with Yugoslavmade 105 mm. guns. Heavy artillery is lacking. The tank divisions are now organized and there is in production a Yugoslav version of the Russian T-34 tank. Production of the tank is hampered, however, and it is not known exactly how many tarks they can produce. Men in the armed forces are well fed and clothed. The morale of the troops, however, in the event of conflict, is open to question. The Army doer not have a general staff or well-trained officers. There are only about 10 to 20 percent of the former officers who are now serving, the rest having come up from the ranks of

the partisans. There are some 200 general officers, from 25 to 35 years old, who have never commanded a division. The divisions are being led

3. Defense Possibilities of Yugoslavia: There are two main lines of attack which could be initiated against Yugoslavie: southern Bungary towards Ljubljana and Trieste and from Bulgaria toverds Skoplje-Salonika. The Vojvodina plain would have to be abandoned since the Yugoslavs do not have a sufficient number of tanks to oppose the attack of a mechanized division. In the mountains, however, and in the valleys, they could organize defense. The problem here is transportation, which is lamentably lacking. It would be difficult to move troops quickly from one point to

by former royal officers, now holding the rank of colonel.

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another because of the lew efficiency of the railways, poor motorization, and the caliber of the command. Tite himself is aware of these problems and is therefore preparing a mountain defense center in Montenegro and Bosnia which would be well suited to guerrilla warfare.

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